

LISTING OF CLAIMS

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 including [1 wherein the connector comprises] a sliding connection between the bracket and the support member wherein the bracket is adapted to slide vertically onto said support member for being suspended therefrom.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the sliding connection comprises a pivot pin extending from the support member.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the support member includes an opening and the bracket includes an end portion adapted to be connected to the support member adjacent the opening.
5. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim [1] 10 wherein the [sporting article] receptacle comprises a tackle box having a plurality of said support members thereon for mounting the bracket thereupon in different locations on the tackle box.
6. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim [1] 10 wherein the [pivot] pivotal connection between the support arm and bracket includes a plurality of radially extending interfitting grooves and ridges surrounding the axis of the pivot and a resilient member for yieldably biasing the ridges into engagement with the grooves [where] thereby retaining the arm in any of said selected positions about said pivot.
7. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim [1] 10 wherein the receptacle is a fishing tackle box, the support member is connected to [a] the fishing tackle box, a vertically disposed pin extends from the support member and the bracket is pivotally mounted upon

the pin whereby the bracket can be articulated about a vertical axis at the center of the pin and the arm can be raised and lowered to selected positions about said pivot between the bracket and the arm.

8. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim [1] 10 wherein the bracket is removable from the receptacle for being suspended from a support assembly, said support assembly comprises at least one [arm] elongated member that is removably connectable to the bracket for holding the bracket [within] adjacent an ice hole.
9. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the support assembly comprises a plurality of arms connected by a pivot and adapted to extend from said pivot radially for suspending the bracket, the arm and a reel thereon so as to extend downwardly through the ice hole.
10. (Currently amended) A fishing apparatus for supporting a fishing rod [and reel] from a receptacle having sidewalls and an upper open wide mouth said apparatus comprising, a support member on the side wall of the receptacle, a bracket removably mounted on the support member, a fishing rod comprising an arm pivotally connected to the bracket, a releasable lock as part of the pivot for releasably supporting the arm in any of the plurality of selected positions about the axis of said pivot, said [arm having] lock defining a holder [thereon] for supporting the arm and a fishing reel or other [a] sporting article mounted thereon to hold the sporting article in a vertical position or a selected angle of inclination.
11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the arm includes a hollow tubular portion that is open at a free end thereof for receiving the handle of a fishing rod.

12. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the pivot between the support arm and bracket comprises a plurality of radially extending interfitting grooves and ridges surrounding [the] an axis of the pivot and a resilient member for yieldably biasing the ridges into engagement with the grooves to thereby retain the arm in any of a plurality of selected positions about said pivot.

Please add the following new claims:

13. (New) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the receptacle comprises a pail.
14. (New) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the support member includes an opening comprising a dovetail-shaped socket and the bracket has a dovetail-shaped end piece adapted to slide into the dovetail-shaped socket.